Intraduction of Private Sector io Postal Sehvises

2014. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICA TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce private sector into the postal services;

(b) if so, to what ecstetit and what are the details thereof;

(c) whether introduction of private sector in postal services would increase the efficiency of the postal services;

(d) which are the foreign countries which have private sector in postal services; and

(e) what is the reason for not introducting the private sector into postal services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise hi view of reply to (a) above.

(c) No studies have been conducted in this matter.

(d) Government is not aware *ot* any such practice in foreign countries.

(e) The Post Office Act 1898 confers exclusive privilege on the Central Government for carrying letters.. It, however, does not impose any restriction on conveyance of other articles like packets and parcels by private sector or other government organisations like the Railways.

Revenue earned from Telecommunicacation and Postal Service

2015. SHRI GOPAL SINH G. SOLA NKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNI CATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned by Government from telephone, posts and telegraph services, district-wise, diuing 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(fa) the amount spent on these services during the above period in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (b) In the Department of Telecom, revenue and expenditure figures are not maintained "district-wise". These are maintained "Secondary Switching are a Wise". A secondary Switching area may or may not conform! to a "district" as is commonly understood in the State Government. Similarly in the Department of Posts, these figures are maintained Head Post Office Wise, and not "District-wise". Revenue and expenditure figures SSA Unit wise in the case of Department of Telecom, and Head Post Office wise in the case of Department of Posts will be collected from subordinate offices and these will be laid on the Table of the House if desired,

Deation of a Cororatioin for Postal Department

2016. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: WiU the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have receiv. ed any suggestions for opening 'new post offices; if so, what are Government's plans in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that postal anthorities are likely to be oflfered autonomy by Granting, a Corporation; if so to what extant the powers of post offices will be extended;

(c) whether it is a fact that the postal labour unions are opposing the formation of a Corporation and privatisatio'n; if so; what arc the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether Government propese to in troduce a Bill to replace the century-old Post Offices Act to give more powers to the Department of Posts and Telegra phs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Suggestions for opening post offces are received from time to time from various sources. These are examined keeping in mind departmental norms regarding distance, population and income and where justified, post offices are opened subject to availability of resources and allocation of targets.